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THE SHORT SESSION

Numerous outstanding bills are pressing forward on the short session of Congress which convened yesterday for immediate consideration. Whether or not discussion on the appropriation bills and especially on the enormous sums asked for army and navy will take up all the time remains to be seen. It is certain, however, that few of the organizations that stand behind measures for greater efficiency in government or for social welfare provisions can hope for results until the regular session.

One outstanding bill awaiting the attention of Congress is that regarding industrial legislation. It will receive added impetus from the report of the President's industrial conference. The fact that Hoover and other distinguished Republicans are identified with the conference as much as the Democratic administration ought to give it a further hearing in this session. There will be demands for the rebuilding of the United States Employment Service, which is now almost non-existent. The essential characteristic of the industrial prospect is to be found in the fact that not within a decade has organized labor had to appeal to congressional majorities so aloof, if not actually so hostile to it.

The Smith-Towner Bill, which would create a national department of education, with a secretary of education sitting in the President's Cabinet, is another outstanding issue. It involves the appropriation of \$100,000,000 to assist the several states in the promotion of education but expressly provides that education shall remain under local and state control.

Among other important bills which will be introduced at the earliest possible moment is the Capper-Volstead Bill, designed to lift the present restrictions on interstate business of agricultural co-operative organizations and a measure, supported by Senator Keryon of Iowa, for the creation of home loan institutions to receive government loans similar to the farm loan banks. There is also agitation for a federal housing bureau.

FIRES AND ECONOMIC LOSSES

This country is the foremost fire victim of the world, according to the statistics collected by the National Board of Fire Underwriters. In the first decade of this century the fire loss per capita of America ranged from \$2 to \$3, whereas in the principal countries of Europe it averaged only 33 cents.

New York City is one of the places where human lives and properties are wasted most, either intentionally or carelessly. The moment fire takes place every second in that big metropolis. The cause in most cases has been found out to be carelessness.

Last year America paid a toll of 1,500 lives, victims of fire, and \$300,000,000 of property. Our dailies vividly illustrate the alarming menace to our economic prosperity. Most of the losses were preventable.

Edward F. Crocker, chief of the New York fire department for twelve years, and for twenty-seven years fire-fighter, a few years ago concluded that putting out successive fires was futile. We could employ the best apparatus for extinguishing conflagrations, the best chemicals to counteract the effects of the flames, and yet without the prevention and carefulness our efforts would be of no avail.

The people should be taught, admonished and reminded of the fact that carelessness in lighting matches, in playing with them, in using gas lights and ranges, in permitting stoves and pipes to become overheated, and in neglecting bonfires and brush fires, are all sources of great

losses to our country. Of the fires which occurred in 1918, more than 65 per cent were considered preventable, according to the actuarial bureau of the National Board of Fire Underwriters.

It is reported that a falling off in the number of fires is noticed, but this decline is admitted to be slight. We should devote more attention to fire prevention; we should devise efficient methods of fire fighting and should influence our state and city legislators to pass stringent laws as to the punishment of willfully negligent and careless citizens. We should be watchful and careful with fire at all times.

Without responsibility, man's moral nature is useless to him.

If man would make money, he must not only make ends meet but lap over.

THE PRICE OF SUCCESS

Success is the dream of every human mind. When we first begin to formulate ideas of what we wish our lives to be, we begin wishing for success. That word success may mean accumulation of wealth, winning of friends or just political or social prominence.

However, what success means depends on the individual and whatever it is, it has its price. It is always on the market. We can glance through the plate glass windows of yesterday and see people who are called successes or we can pause today and observe those who are known to lead successful lives.

In all analysis we find success means right living. Success without it means nothing. If one would know today whether or not he will be a success he can answer for himself to a marked degree.

With the question "Will we be successful?" should come "Can we keep our head?" When the big busy days of the year come, do we become fretful and angry if things do not travel just right or do we throw on extra power and travel evenly and surely?

Can we be fair to others? Can we be considerate? Can we prefer others when we know they are our superiors? Can we be glad at the other fellow's gain? Can we forget a defeat today and use the extra energy for plans for tomorrow? Can we smile and see flowers where nothing but dead weeds are today? Can we keep our temper? If we can do these things we are at least on the right road with the residence of success just ahead.

Ballet dancers seem to be about the only thing we care to receive from Russia.

Panama Canal officials must have experienced apprehension because of President-elect Harding's visit to the canal zone, after the great landslide in the United States.

THE OPEN COLUMN

A Student Bank. Editor The Missouriian: Missouri has her experimental fields in the College of Agriculture. Her laboratories in the School of Engineering seek to give the student practical training in that field. The School of Journalism has its newspaper plant and building as a practical laboratory for future journalists. Now we ask, what has the School of Business and Public Administration in the way of practical training for the students of that school?

Would it not be possible to establish a student bank in that school as a laboratory for commerce students? The banks of the city do not especially solicit student accounts. In fact, student business is a loss to most banks if we figure it purely from the dollar and cent standpoint.

A bank established in the School of Business and Public Administration would take care of all student accounts. Students could deposit their money there and their own business and the business of the University could be transacted through this bank. The routine business of keeping and handling of accounts would be handled by students. This would limit the cost of operation to a minimum. The students would get a good training in the fundamentals and rudiments of business that it generally takes several months to get after they have graduated and go out into the business world.

Such an idea may be said to be visionary. The same thing has been said of agriculture, engineering, education and journalism, but today each of those schools furnishes practical work in its respective line.

F. D. Ross is a First Lieutenant. Francis D. Ross, a student in the University of Missouri, has been commissioned first lieutenant in the United States regular army. He is expecting orders which will allow him to continue his studies here. He saw service on the Mexican border, in the Philippine Islands, China, Japan and Siberia.

Tree Roots Searching Moisture Cause of Much Sewer Trouble

Literally speaking, tree roots are the root of most sewer troubles. A clogged sewer is an irritating and not uncommon trouble and one that is often expensive to remedy. Most anyone can open a sewer if it is clogged with a small amount of debris, but when the pipe becomes filled with large roots it is a job for only a plumber.

To some persons it may sound unreasonable to say that a tree root can squeeze through a small crack in a sewer pipe and then grow so large as to completely clog it; but according to Columbia plumbers, this is exactly what tree roots do. They say that during spring and fall, root growths cause most of the major sewer troubles that they are called upon to remedy.

The reason these roots find the cracks in the sewer pipe is because a considerable amount of water is freed by such openings, and roots are always in quest of moisture. The piping in the material commonly used in connecting houses with the city sewer, in Columbia even the main sewers are made of tile. This kind of piping is secured at the joints by cement, and as yet it has been impossible to make cement joints capable of withstanding a pressure test. When the cement settles it leaves a small crack through which scarcely any moisture can escape, but no matter how small the crack is if a root grows in that direction it will be attracted by the escaping moisture and will grow into the pipe in order to get more.

One of the workmen at C. D. Matthews' plumbing shop, says that there are many cases of sewers clogged by root growths, and that even when the pipe has

been dug up and cleaned the same trouble is likely to appear again in a few years. H. C. Malo of the Columbia Plumbing and Heating Co., says that his shop has an average of three or four such sewer troubles every week. When asked how much it cost to clean the roots out of the pipes he said, "The lowest charge we have made for work of this kind was \$7 and the highest was \$175. However, one case cost me \$300. That was the time we let the sewer uncovered over night, and a horse fell into the ditch."

The only means of preventing root growths in the sewers is to use cast-iron pipe, according to the plumbers. Cast-iron pipe can be made to withstand a pressure test when the joints are caulked with lead and oakum; no moisture can then escape, and no opening is left for roots to enter. The initial cost of putting in cast-iron pipe is 75 cents a foot more than tile pipe, according to Mr. Malo. It costs about 55 cents to lay a foot of tile pipe and about \$1.30 to lay a foot of iron pipe. These figures include both labor and materials. Considering the expense of cleaning the roots from clogging sewers and the disfigurement of a well known kept town, Mr. Malo and others who have expressed themselves on this point say that it is cheaper to put in cast-iron piping at the beginning. Iron pipe well laid will last a lifetime.

In many cities the use of tile or vitrified sewerware for sewer pipe is forbidden in cellar bottoms and within ten feet of the foundation walls. In a few cities, city ordinances have been passed compelling the use of cast-iron pipe for all house drains.

HALLSVILLE NEWS

Mrs. Mattie Tucker was in Columbia on business last Thursday.

David Chandler and Richard Dinevidge were in Columbia to see "Gloriana" last Thursday.

Mrs. E. L. Daugherty and Mrs. Fountain Daugherty spent Thursday in Columbia.

An informal dance will be given next Friday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clark Neimber, who live east of Hallsville.

C. F. Nichols went to Columbia to attend the corn exhibit.

Miss Minnie Welch spent the week-end with her parents.

Lindell Schaefer is delivering corn to W. R. Maddox.

Major Prosser sawed wood for J. H. Glick, F. M. Dennison and W. P. Maddox this week.

A musical program will be given at the Hallsville High School next Friday night. The proceeds will be added to the piano fund. Admission will be 25 cents.

Miss Frankie Beamer and Miss Nora Barnes spent the week-end with their parents.

Frank Thompson was in Centralia Saturday.

Roy Jones was in Centralia on business Saturday.

B. C. Creed was in Hallsville on business Saturday.

J. W. Hall and Rogers Hall of Columbia are working on Mr. Hall's farm east of Hallsville.

Miss Lois Roberts of Columbia came home Friday afternoon to spend the week-end with her parents.

S. G. Henry of Columbia spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Jones.

Miss Minnie Sievers spent the week-end at her home north of Centralia.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Wright and son, George Francis, and Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Hulen, visited Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Roberts last Thursday.

Mrs. Pallas and Mrs. John Hall of Columbia were dinner guests of Mrs. Samma Foresaker on her fifty-fifth birthday celebration.

Miss Flynt is visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Roberts.

Mrs. W. H. Points has been ill this last week.

Mrs. Frank Asbury has been ill at her home.

Mrs. Davis of Moberly visited her daughter, Mrs. Clay Roberts, last Thursday.

Mrs. Herbert Dennis was in Columbia Friday.

Mrs. Norton Shepard and children of Columbia are visiting Mrs. Shepard's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Robinson.

O. F. Nichols went to Webster, Mo., on a business trip.

Mrs. Leslie Faucett is visiting her parents in St. Joseph.

Members of the Mutual Telephone Company had a business meeting Saturday.

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Mrs. T. S. Pallas and Mrs. John Hall

BETWEEN COLUMNS

REFLECTIONS OF A WALL-FLOWER

Dance, and swing along;
Dance, and loaf along;
Dance, and drift along;
Dance! and skim along Life!
For dancing isn't all of it
And music's not the sum of it
And pleasure's not the best of it
More joy there lies, I think, in walking it.

Dance, and hop along;
Dance, and slide along;
Dance, and speed along;
Dance! and race along Life!
But racing isn't seeing it.
It's far too fast for feeling it.
Not near enough for stealing it;
Not far enough for quite forgetting it.

Dance, and dream along;
Dance, and plan along;
Dance, and boast along;
Dance, and sneer along Life!
Just dreaming isn't planning it
Nor planning isn't doing it.
It leaves much room for dodging it—
And sneering's nothing more than fearing it.

Dance, and breeze along;
Dance, and ease along;
Dance, and squeeze along;
Dance! and sink along Life!

Rather a sweeping indictment. Yet it has enough of truth in it to make it noticeable and through overstatement to make it interesting: that is to say, more readable.

ECHOES OF A GREAT CHANGE

(From the China Press, Shanghai.)
RUSSIAN lady wishes to have child adopted (three months old and in excellent health) owning to high cost of living. For further particulars, please apply to 10 Pearson road. Young well-educated Russian lady desires to give Russian lessons. Willing to exchange same for English lessons. Please apply to Box 1072, THE CHINA PRESS.

The high cost of living didn't deter the Russian mother from putting in her reasons for wanting to have her child adopted. Perhaps it is pride, perhaps mother love, more likely both.

And the young Russian lady, why did she put "young" first? And why will she exchange Russian lessons for English?

There is enough imagination-food in these two ads to last an evening.

We rise to ask one question of the professor who says that a person is capable of love whose head is so flat at the back that a coin will slip from the crown down inside the collar. Is that why so many young things bolster up their backs with bustles nowadays?

"Hear Opera Star by Wireless"—Headline.
Shucks, that's nothing. We've heard it that way lots of times and it wasn't opera-star-stuff either.

Before permitting his name to be used for a cigar Uncle Joe Cannon specified that the cigar should be a good one. Oh, that other men as illustrious had been as thoughtful of the smokers who were fated to come after them!

We note an item in the papers about the mayor of Warren O., forbidding public kissing. What is Warren O., trying to do? "Recruit all the bachelors in the country?"

THINKING OF EMIGRATION
(from a financial page.)
Today's cables from Vienna report the minister of finance of that country as saying that the treasury now has a deficit of 25 billion crowns; that there is

a floating debt of 32 billion crowns; that the end has been reached of ability to raise more funds by taxes; that a government monopoly will be established on alcohol, sugar and petroleum products.

A headline states that Bill Brennan, may give Dempsey a tough battle December 14. Yes, and Hiram Johnson may be the first American delegate to Geneva, but, somehow, in a vague, tenuous, not over-hopeful sort of way we doubt it.

TRUTH IN FICTION

(from "A Chateau in Picardy," by Sir Philip Gibbs.)
The Comte de Maresquel waved his cigarette with a gesture of unbelief. "England is rich," he reiterated. "She tells her coat of arms at a great price. She has the genius of peace, whereas in France we have only the genius of war. We do not complain. We only see the simple truth. France won the war and England won the peace."

"A Chateau in Picardy," is a notable short story. There is one little paragraph in it that gave us the only genius heart flip-flop we've had recently. Sir Philip Gibbs, as you may know (using Doctor Verne's favorite bit of irony sincerely) is the newspaper man who wrote "The Street of Adventure," a book dealing with newspaper life and advising all persons whatsoever to steer clear of it. Later he went to the war as a correspondent and came out as the greatest reporter of them all.

Christmas nicks the yearly family financial budget but once, remember.

THE WAITRESS

Library Gets New Books as Gift.

Among the new books recently received at the University Library is a copy of "The Evening Genesis," written by P. K. and M. E. Ewing. The library has also received a set of books entitled "System of Animate Nature." These books, which were written by Prof. J. Arthur Thomson of the University of Aberdeen were sent here as an exchange gift from the University Library, St. Andrews, Scotland.

Don't mind a Cold Stormy Day

There is a Hot, Pleasant Meal for you at the COMMONS

"Have you tried the Commons lately?"

THE COMMONS
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Children Like COLUMBIA MAID Bread

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All grocers have Columbia Maid Bread.

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